Village Council Monday, December 15, 2008 7:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order: Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 8:09PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

John Bender Rick Deeds Bruce Jarvis Bobbie Mershon

Victor Paini Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry

Mrs. Mershon moved to excuse Mrs. Turner for medical emergency. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to approve the minutes from the Council meeting on December 1st, 2008, the November 24th, 2008 – Committee of Whole meeting and the December 8th, 2008 – Joint Meeting of Planning & Zoning Commission and Village Council. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds

NAYS

Mr. Deeds abstained on the December 1st minutes and voted yes on the COW and Joint meeting.

Motion carried.

Communications & Petitions:

A letter was read from Mayor Michael Ebert to the Ohio Board of Building Standards regarding a requested amendment to the Ohio Residential Building Code regarding fire walls between units in multi-family dwellings.

A letter was received from Mr. Brennen, Mayor of Bexley, proposing Halloween trick-or-treat dates always fall on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, whether it is actually the 31st or not. Mayor Ebert asked for Council's opinion as soon as possible before the MORPC decision. Discussion ensued.

A letter was received from Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen setting policing contract rates for 2009.

A petition with 169 signatures was received during the Public Hearing from residents of the Villages of Westchester asking Council to deny Rockford Homes request to change existing plans and build apartments within the Villages of Westchester.

Mrs. Mershon moved to accept the petition and Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried.

Village Residents Comments:

Five-minute limit per person

Jeffrey Bond, of 146 Washington St Apt C, wished the Council Happy Holidays and stated that he was disappointed in the Land Use Plan. He stated that our engineering firm just isn't capable of laying out a building the way this village needs it to be done for the future. We need to just break down and pay someone to consult and lay out the village and then follow the plan.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND Reading

Sponsor: Dr. Bender

O-12-08A AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE

AGREEMENT WITH NEW PAR, DBA VERIZON WIRELESS, FOR THE USE OF

CERTAIN SPACE ON THE NORTH GENDER WATER TOWER

Dr. Bender read the ordinance. Second reading only. Mr. Hollins gave an overview of the agreement and discussion ensued. This would improve the signal for Verizon customers.

Sponsor: Mrs. Turner

O-12-08B AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

LABORER FOR THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO WITH A SALARY

RANGE OF \$11.06 PER HOUR TO \$15.28 PER HOUR.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry read the ordinance in Mrs. Turner's absence. Second reading only.

Sponsor: Mrs. Turner

O-12-08C AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF PUBLIC WORKS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO WITH A SALARY RANGE OF \$14.02 PER HOUR TO \$19.70 PER HOUR.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry read the ordinance in Mrs. Turner's absence. Second reading only.

Sponsor: Mr. Paini

O-12-08D AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT

WITH C.F. BIRD & R.J. BULL, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING

SERVICES

Mr. Paini read the ordinance. Second reading only.

Sponsor: Dr. Bender

O-12-08F AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO THE PRESERVATION

GUIDELINES.

Dr. Bender read the ordinance. Second reading only.

Sponsor: Mr. Paini

O-12-08G AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Mr. Paini read the ordinance. Second reading only.

Sponsor: Mr. Jarvis

O-12-08H AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 52-01 TO ADOPT THE REVISED PRELIMINARY

DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE WINCHESTER CIRCLE DEVELOPMENT, A PART

OF THE ORIGINAL PIFER PROPERTY, ZONED PCD.

Mr. Jarvis read the ordinance. Second reading only.

THIRD Reading

Sponsor: Dr. Bender

O-11-08D AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT

FOR PLUMBING INSPECTIONS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2009 WITH THE

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dr. Bender read the ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 65-08. Mrs. Mershon seconded the

motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried.

Sponsor: Mrs. Turner

O-11-08E AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERN FOR

THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER, OHIO WITH A SALARY RANGE OF \$9.87 PER HOUR TO \$13.82 PER HOUR, AND TO ADOPT A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR

SUCH POSITION.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry read the ordinance and moved to adopt Ordinance 66-08. Mr. Paini seconded

the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mr. Paini moved to accept the report of the Mayor's Court Clerk for November 2008. Mrs. Mershon seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried.

Mayor Ebert thanked Carrie Hoover for planning Christmas in the Village, the Street Dept. for the setting up and tearing down, Main Street Program for their promotion of the even, all the businesses for staying open late and Bruce Jarvis for running the popcorn machine. It was very well attended on Friday night, though it was very cold! Saturday was less crowded due to a winter storm but attendance was still significant.

Public Works Director: see written report

Development Director:

Mr. Strayer and the Mayor spoke with the Chamber of Commerce Board about the JEDD and he believes they have a better understanding of it now. They will go back next month to answer questions from any members.

Community Affairs Director: see written report

Village Solicitor:

Mr. Hollins stated that Brian Zetts is helping him with his litigation and introduced him. There is a need for a quick executive session.

Fairfield County Sheriff: Sgt. Kern read the report.

The Community Watch vehicle is up and running. It is another tool for the community to use to keep us safe. Sgt. Kern fielded questions regarding the enforcement capability of the community watch personnel.

Many accidents occurred during the winter storm over the weekend.

Finance Director:

Ms. Osborn stated the financial statement for November was attached to the Council packet and reminded Council of the Joint meeting in Pickerington tomorrow.

Ms. Osborn asked if there were comments on the needs assessment for them to be forwarded to her.

Council Reports:

Old Town Committee Monday, January 12, 2009 at 5:45 PM Finance Committee Monday, February 2, 2009 at 5:45 PM Service Committee Monday, January 20, 2009 at 5:45 PM Safety Committee Monday, January 12, 2009 at 5:00 PM

Joint Public Hearing w Pickerington Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 6:30 PM at 100 Lockville Rd

(JEDD)

New Business:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry thanked the Mayor for writing the letter regarding the firewalls between each unit. She appreciates the effort and feels strongly that this needs to be art of the State of Ohio code.

Mr. Jarvis thanked Carrie Hoover for taking quick action when it was pointed out that original 1828 plats of the Village hanging in the Municipal building and were received too much sunlight for their successful preservation. They have now been handed over to Allan Neimayer for proper conservation.

Dr. Bender noted that there was a nice article in the paper about Dick Miller naming all of the creeks.

Old Business: none at this time.

Adjourn to Executive Session:

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn to Executive session for threatened pending litigation. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Jarvis

NAYS

Motion carried.

Time out to executive session - 8:45PM Time in from executive session – 9:12PM

Adjournment:

Mr. Paini moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis

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Motion carried. Time out 9:13PM

Clerk of Council	President of Council
Date	Mayor

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